

The Most Healthful Beverage  
Known to Science.

## WALTER BAKER'S BREAKFAST COCOA

In the domestic calendar Easter week is commonly set aside for gayeties and "frivolous." Hard work precedes it and in the days to come there will be not only the "clearing up," but spring sewing, spring cleaning and the customary eating and drinking of the week, and all his confederates. But for this one week let jollity reign, old social debts be paid and new ones incurred.

The number of entertainments appropriate to the season are legion. If there is a new baby in the house, an Easter caudle party is quite the most delightful thing out. This function follows the christening and takes the place of the old-fashioned christening celebration. Only the immediate friends are invited. Invitations are sent out on the mother's visiting card. "Caudle Party," Thursday afternoon, April 7, 4 o'clock, with a tiny name card of the new baby enclosed. The caudle party for the auspicious occasion should be as dainty as possible—using pure white with a tinge of baby's own color, a soft pink or pale blue, and baby's own flowers, marguerites, lilies of the valley, forget-me-nots, roses or carnations. The refreshments are simple, delicate, and easily made. Cakes and confections. The refreshment table is small, covered with a pretty lunch cloth, having as its central ornament the bowl of caudle, which is dipped out with a silver ladle and passed to all the guests in the little caudle cups which may be obtained in china, glass or silver. Candles of pink or white, with shades in harmony with the color scheme, small plates of cakes and sandwiches and dainty comporters of glass or silver. The refreshment table is the entertainment should be in charge of some young matron, another one being desired to see to the distribution of the souvenir boxes, containing squares of the christening cake.

The mother receives the guests informally, then the baby in his best bib and tucker, is brought in on a pillow, to be duly introduced and made much of, although on no account kissed unless on the brow or the rosy cheeks, for the twentieth century mother, with the family doctor back her, allows no promiscuous kissing of her children. The following recipe for the functions is usually angel cake, and punch of a medium brew is substituted for the genuine "caudle." The reception is brief.

Old-fashioned Caudle Cup.—If one has a sentiment in favor of the real old caudle of Elizabethan days, the following recipe is declared valid, and eminently palatable. On the day preceding the party stir two large cups of oatmeal into three quarts of boiling salted water. Add one cup of seedling raisins, two sliced lemons, a stick of cinnamon and a grated nutmeg, and boil for an hour. Strain and set away in a cold place. When nearly ready to serve, reheat, add a quart of hot milk, two well-beaten eggs, a pint of brandy, half a pint of jam, run into a punch bowl and serve hot, with a spoonful of whipped cream, and a little grated lemon peel added to each cup.

"At Homes" for Babies.—For "little ones up to three or four years of age" "at homes" are given. In these the babies are accompanied by mamma or nurse, the babies are taken to the home of the one who is receiving. After being duly announced, each child is presented to the hostess, who takes the child to the dining room, where jam sandwiches, "animal" crackers and tiny cakes are served, and are then borne off without saying a word, and then the babies are "wee-wee." At a recent function of this sort, where some forty babies were represented, each of the girl babies was furnished with a doll, and each of the boys with a little fur monkey as souvenirs of the occasion.

Easter Doll Parties.—Parties where each little girl is invited to bring her favorite doll, or her whole doll family for that matter, are popular and timely. At a recent affair of this kind, given under the direction of a kindergarten teacher, there were dolls of all kinds, from the tiniest baby to a baby carriage, and a baby carriage parade to music, and lastly a photograph taken on the front porch, where the whole party of little mothers and their babies, of bismarck, china and wax gathered about them. When refreshments were served there was a special table for the dolls, beautifully set with doll dishes, tiny candles with colored shades, simple refreshments warranted not to disturb the most delicate digestion and a little name card with appropriate souvenirs at each plate.

Wild Animal Party.—A much more hilarious function, so far as noise goes, is promised for this week in one of the suburban towns near New York. Some twenty invitations are out for this one requested to come to a "wild animal" party. The party is to be given at a house where the wild animals are large enough, so that the "lairs" need not be hidden, nor the wild animals need not be kept in cages. Masques representing nearly all animals can be obtained, but the costume will require more or less ingenuity on the part of the individual hostess. The Thompson-Seton wild animal plays is to be given, and prizes will be presented to the most natural and the most ludicrous animal. Peanuts and popcorn will be "on tap" all the time; that the wild animals may help themselves while the refreshment table later in the day will contain honey sandwiches to suit the bears; chicken sandwiches for the foxes and coyotes, nut sandwiches for the monkeys and meat for the lions and tigers. The tea will be served in animal molds, and cakes and crackers will have the same forms.

Easter Mother Goose Market.—Among the many Easter fairs projected for charity the "Mother Goose Market" is always sure of success. At these fairs the children who preside over the different booths, which have Mother Goose mottoes written above them, are dressed in appropriate character costumes. Among the booths which take well are the cake, under the charge of the Queen of Hearts; the candy run by Handy Spandy, "who loves plain cake and sugar candy"; the tea table, under the conduct of "Folly," who perpetually "puts the kettle on"; the doll booth, looked after by the "old woman who lived in a shoe"; the brown and white booth, run by the "old woman who swept the cobwebs out of the sky"; crackers and cheese, by the "old bachelor"; hot buttered toast, by the "old maid"; the "fish pond," by "Simple Simon"; ice cream, by "Little Miss Muffet"; sandwiches, fat or lean, by Jack Sprat and his wife; hair tongs, by "Giddyup"; and the "Humpty Dumpty," and Easter flowers, by "Mary, Mary, quite contrary."

Lemonade is quite properly dispensed by "Jack and Jill."

A Chinese Luncheon.—For older people original luncheons are in favor—the more so of the ordinary the better. Now the many Chinese sweets, nuts and fruits are in the markets. A Chinese luncheon is comparatively easy to execute. The room may be decorated with red lanterns and chrysanthemums, cherry blossoms and embroideries. If the real flowers are out of question, every Japanese or Chinese curio, soap (gold) man, and red double cup, chop suey (guy chop suey), with chicken quoniam salad; preserved ginger (town gong), preserved pineapple (plover law), lychee nuts (jone tome lychee), Chinese cakes (dram), Orange blossom tea or the famous Dragon's Beard should be served at libitum.

Chrysanthemum Dessert.—A chrysanthemum or almond blossom dessert, for which the European Chinese often pay from 25 to 35 cents a flower to prepare, is made in this way: Beat two eggs lightly, and add four to make a thin batter. Take fresh flowers, wash them in chop suey of cold water, and stir into the batter. Have ready a kettle of smoking hot fat (peanut oil is usually preferred), pick up a few of the heavy, fat batter, drop them into the oil and brown.

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Luncheon and Breakfast.—To the question so often asked, "What is the difference between a luncheon and a breakfast?" the answer is this: A breakfast is always given at near 12 o'clock as possible, while a luncheon may come an hour or two later. While both these functions are considered, as a rule, to be purely feminine, Easter week, being a holiday, is an exception, and men are often invited. The menu in either case usually begins with fruit—grape fruit, choice strawberries served au naturel, or a salpicon of fruit.

Fruit Salpicon.—All fruit salpicions are prepared in exactly the same way, the only difference being in the combination of fruits. Sugar and water are boiled together until the syrup spins a thread; lemon juice is added, then two or three kinds of fruit. Rum or sherry is commonly used in the flavoring, though many who object to anything alcoholic favor pineapple juice. After the fruit and juices are put together they should be stood away in a cold place for an hour or two to properly blend and mingle flavors. The fruit should be cut in small pieces, and fruits and flavors, no hard and fast rules can be given, taste and skill being the essentials required. Raspberries and strawberries are the most popular. To one of the latter, always blend delightfully: strawberries and orange juice go well together; pineapples, oranges and candied ginger; cranberries and raisins; raisins and tart apples; pear, apple or quince with lemon, white grape fruit or orange. Fruit combined with white grapes and maraschino.

To Start the Luncheon.—When grape fruit serves as the introduced course, an elaborate luncheon, it is usually cut in the shape of a basket, the pulp removed, every favor pineapple juice. After the fruit and the pulp returned to the former, it is served ice cold—a necessity with all similar combinations of fruit.

Among the Fraternities

The leading Pythians of Washington are greatly pleased with the decision of the District Commissioners in denying the protest made by certain party owners in the vicinity of the new Pythian temple against the use of any part of the new temple as a banquet or general assembly hall, which might be let to other parties. The decision of the Commissioners was unanimous, and the work of building the temple will be pushed briskly. The grand chancery for the laying of the corner-stone of the new temple some time in the month of May, and the ceremony will be one of great interest to the fraternity in particular and the public in general. A distinguished United States senator will make the oration on the occasion of the laying of the corner-stone, and many prominent Pythians of Washington will participate in the event. Their active interest in the ceremony will be shared by the entire local membership of the order.

English Masonry.—Among the members of the Senate and House and department officials who are actively concerned in the progress and prosperity of the order. The district officials will be invited to participate, and it is expected the ceremony will be rendered notable in many ways.

The objection of the neighboring property owners to the laying of the corner-stone of the new temple, as the protesters all stated to the Commissioners. It was made solely on the point that the main hall of the temple would be used by the organizations, some of which might not prove as dependable as the Pythian fraternity. The Commissioners, however, expressed entire confidence in the Pythian order, and decided the case accordingly.